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TAGS: ASEC, OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS) PINS

SUBJECT: THREAT ASSESSMENT FOR SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE

REF: (A) NAIROBI 5657 (B) DAR ES SALAAM 1585
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1. A REVIEW OF CURRENT INTELLIGENCE AND A SEARCH OF TAG
FILES REVEAL NO SPECIFIC THREATS AGAINST SECRETARY
VANCE DURING HIS VISIT TO DAR ES SALAAM. IN ADDITION
TO THE INFORMATION IN REFTELS, THE FOLLOWING IS PRO-
VIDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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2. THE LAST MAJOR TERRORIST INCIDENT OCCURRED IN MAY 1975
WHEN ZAIREAN REBELS KIDNAPPED SEVERAL RESEARCH STUDENTS
IN WESTERN TANZANIA. THREE OF THE STUDENTS WERE AMERICAN
CITIZENS. NO ONE WAS INJURED. IN SEPTEMBER 1976 DURING
A VISIT BY THEN SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, THERE WAS
AN ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATION WHICH WAS STAGED WITHOUT

INCIDENT. AS NOTED IN REFTEL B ANY ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT WOULD BE INITIATED BY THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT. IN LIGHT OF THEIR VIEWS ON THE RHODESIAN SITUATION, NO EXPRESSIONS OF SUCH SENTIMENT ARE EXPECTED.

3. THERE IS PLO AND MONTONERO REPRESENTATION IN DAR ES SALAAM AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF INSURGENT (ANTI-WHITE RULE) MOVEMENTS WHO MOVE FREELY IN THE CITY. CONSIDERING GOT VIEWS ON THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE AS EXPRESSED IN OFFICIAL MEDIA AND IN PUBLIC FORUMS, THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST GROUPS MAY TRANSIT DAR, EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NO INTELLIGENCE TO INDICATE SUCH MOVEMENTS. AGAIN THE QUESTION OF DEFINING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONTS AND INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST GROUPS IS RAISED. TANZANIA IS DEFINITELY IN THE FOREFRONT OF COUNTRIES IN AFRICA BACKING BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES. THEREFORE, SUPPORT FOR INSURGENT GUERRILLA MOVEMENTS IS NOT SURPRISING. THE TANZANIANS APPARENTLY EXTEND THIS SYMPATHY FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION TO THE PALESTINIANS AS WELL. HOWEVER, DUE TO THIS SYMPATHY IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ANY INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST GROUP WOULD ATTEMPT TO STAGE AN OPERATION THERE.

4. SY/CC/TAG WILL MONITOR INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY INFORMATION
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